

VZCZCXYZ0009
PP RUEHWEB

DE RUEHNY #0246 1210711
ZNY CCCCC ZZH
P 300711Z APR 08
FM AMEMBASSY OSLO
TO RUEHRO/AMEMBASSY ROME PRIORITY 0547
RUEHAK/AMEMBASSY ANKARA PRIORITY 0225
RUEHC/SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 6774
INFO RUEHRL/AMEMBASSY BERLIN PRIORITY 0623
RUEHMD/AMEMBASSY MADRID PRIORITY 1783
RUEHMO/AMEMBASSY MOSCOW PRIORITY 4001
RUEHFR/AMEMBASSY PARIS PRIORITY 0992
RUEHSM/AMEMBASSY STOCKHOLM PRIORITY 3275
RUEHTV/AMEMBASSY TEL AVIV PRIORITY 1331
RUEHJM/AMCONSUL JERUSALEM PRIORITY 0473
RUEHBS/USEU BRUSSELS PRIORITY

C O N F I D E N T I A L OSLO 000246

SIPDIS

SIPDIS

NEA/IPA (TGOLDBERGER)

E.O. 12958: DECL: 04/29/2018
TAGS: EU IT PA PGOV PREL NO
SUBJECT: ITALY, TURKEY INVITED TO AHLC

REF: STATE 43743

Classified By: Acting DCM Kristen F. Bauer, Reasons 1.4 (b) and (d)

(C) On April 30 MFA Middle East Section Deputy Director General Ingrid Schoeyen confirmed to us that Italy and Turkey will be special invitees at the May 2 Ad Hoc Liaison Committee (AHLC) London meeting, stressing that both countries met monetary thresholds. Referring to Italian "finger pointing," Schoeyen believed some misunderstandings had occurred leading up to the invites, and no AHLC member was seeking to exclude countries as invitees. Rather, she emphasized that the invitation process was forged on consensus, and that the very agreement of the AHLC membership to include special invitees was a significant step forward. Schoeyen also noted that there was no discussion of enlarging the AHLC committee.

JOHNSON